

Opportunities for Students Who are Visually or Hearing Challenged

TEACHING TIP

At the beginning of the year, develop an Internet Workshop session around the ThinkQuest resource [Seeing DisABILITIES from a Different Perspective](#). A very simple way to do this is to have your class explore this wonderful resource and bring to the workshop session three ideas to share that they learned about disabilities from this important resource.

- With the more recent Macintosh systems, this is already available to you in Easy Access. If you can't locate this feature, if you need to download this software, or if you wish to read about using this software, just visit the Apple location [Access Features](#). If you use a Windows system, visit the [Microsoft Accessibility Home Page](#) for similar solutions.

You may also wish to visit these central sites for visually challenged students to locate additional resources:

- [Blindness Resource Center](#) The best central site for visually challenged and blind individuals. Set a bookmark!

- [Macintosh Disability Shareware and Freeware](#)

A wonderful set of links to adaptive technology developed by a person who is visually challenged.

- [Apple's Disability Resources](#)

Resources for your Macintosh machines.

- There are also locations on the web to support hearing challenged students. You might begin by visiting [The Deaf/Hard of Hearing](#) location of the Family Village site. This has links to excellent resources on the web, as well as information about chat and mailing lists for students. Another useful location is [SERI Hearing Impairment Resources](#). Or, you might wish to explore [DeafWorldWeb](#) a central site for the deaf community.
- Several other locations may be useful for all students in your classroom. [Sign Language Dictionary Online](#) provides videos for many signs and will help your students learn more about deafness. [A Basic Dictionary of ASL Terms](#) provides



an extensive signing dictionary.

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Here is a way to conduct a simple Internet Workshop with your students, developing the ability to communicate with a limited set of ASL signs. Set a bookmark or a link to [Sign Language Dictionary Online](#).

Opportunities for Other Students Who are Challenged

- **[Special Education Resources on the Internet \(SERI\)](#)**

This is one of the best central sites on the Internet for special education resources. It contains a comprehensive and well organized set of links to locations important for special education issues.

- **[Family Village](#)**

This is an excellent central site about mental retardation and other disabilities. Set a bookmark!

- **[Internet Resources for Special Children](#)**

This is another central site, very useful, with extensive resources on special education.

- **[The Council for Exceptional Children](#)**

A major professional organization in special education.

- **[Inclusion Resources <http://www.hood.edu/seri/inclu.htm>](http://www.hood.edu/seri/inclu.htm)**

A nice collection of links related to inclusive education. The information at this location can provide useful background information to teachers new to inclusion.

- **[Inclusion <http://www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion/>](http://www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion/)**

An outstanding collection of resources designed for the teacher who practices, or will soon practice, an inclusion model in the classroom. Links to teaching strategies, strategies to prepare for inclusion, and many supportive Internet resources.

- **[Learning Disabilities Association of America <http://www.ldanatl.org>](http://www.ldanatl.org)**

The home page for this organization with over 60,000 members. This location provides links and resources for individuals interested in learning more about learning disabilities.

- **[Learning Disabilities](#)**

[<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/learningdis.html>](http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/learningdis.html)

This website contains a booklet from the National Institutes of Mental Health. It explains learning disabilities to parents.

- **[International Dyslexia Association <http://interdys.org/>](http://interdys.org/)**

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is an international, non-profit, scientific and educational organization dedicated to the study and treatment of dyslexia. This location provides access to its many resources related to this important learning disability.

- **[Special Needs and Technology Resources](#)**

Here is an extensive collection of links to a wide variety of technology resources.

- **[The Family Village Inclusion Resources](#)**

Another nice location to provide resources for teachers interested in inclusive education. Contains links to locations to communicate with others, research, on-line newsletters, and web sites related to inclusion.

Listservs/Mailing Lists for Including All Students on the Internet

- **[DEAFKIDS](#)** - listserv@sjuvm.stjohns.edu

A discussion group for children who are deaf.

- **[CHATBACK](#)** - listserv@sjuvm.stjohns.edu

A discussion group on special education.

- **[INCLUSIVE-EDUCATION](#)** - mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk

An Inclusive education discussion list.

- **[SPECED-L](#)** - speced-l@uga.cc.uga.edu

A special education discussion list.

<http://www.epsbooks.com/html/training.asp>

Additional Assistive Technology Sites:

<http://www.at-center.com/>

<http://www.assistivetech.com/>

<http://www.rehabtool.com/>

<http://www.abilityhub.com/read/index.htm>

http://www.infogrip.com/category_view.asp?option=keyboard